

Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

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Public Meeting at Lyman Town Hall for Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

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The Executive Committee of the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) will meet Friday, July 9, 2010, at the Lyman Town Hall in Lyman, Wyo.

The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 1 p.m. During the meeting, the WLCI Executive Committee will discuss a conservation plan and conservation leases as well as hear presentations on sage-grouse, Ruby Pipeline funding, the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative, cheatgrass, the Seeds for Success program, and the Wyoming Natural Diversity Database. The Committee will also have a change of chairman of the committee and elect a new second vice chair.

On July 8, 2010, the Executive Committee will tour several sites in the area, with the public welcome to attend. They will meet at Little America at 8:30 a.m. and will tour habitat enhancements, a project to remove tamarisk and establish native plants, and energy development sites. The tour will end around 5 p.m.

The WLCI Executive Committee is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, county commissioners and conservation districts. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wyoming Field Supervisor Brian Kelly is currently serving as chairman of the committee. Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Steve Ferrell and Sweetwater County Conservation District Chair Mary Thoman are serving respectively as first vice chair and second vice chair.

The WLCI is a long-term science-based effort to assess and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats at a landscape scale in Southwest Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development of the region's valuable energy resources.

The meeting is open to the public, and visitors will have the opportunity to comment. The Lyman Town Hall is located in Lyman, Wyo. at 100 E Sage St. More information on the WLCI, as well as a draft agenda for the meeting, can be found at: http://www.wlci.gov/.